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Applicant : Maurice B. Harding, Jr.

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AND PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences the decision of the Examiner dated August 20, 2003 rejecting claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, 16-20, 22-31, 33-35, 38-45 and 49-52.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, extending the period of response three months, to expire on February 20, 2004. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,
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